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**OFFICE OF PETITIONS**

In re Application of  
Howard M. Kingston  
Application No. 10/004,627  
Filed: December 4, 2001  
Attorney Docket No. 286697-00002-1

**ON PETITION**

This is a decision on the petition, filed November 18, 2003, under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

**Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on September 15, 2003 in the above-identified application cannot be refunded. If, however, the above-identified application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.<sup>1</sup>**

Telephone inquiries should be directed to Irvin Dingle at (703) 306-5684.

After receipt of the file in the Office of Petitions, the file will be forwarded to Technology Center AU 2881 for processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and for consideration of the concurrently filed Information Disclosure Statement.

*Irvin Dingle*  
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<sup>1</sup> The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice may be satisfied by completing and returning the new Issue Fee Transmittal Form PTOL-85(b), which includes the following language thereon: "Commissioner for Patents is requested to apply the Issue Fee and Publication Fee (if any) or re-apply any previously paid issue fee to the application identified above." Petitioner is advised that, whether a fee is indicated as being due or not, the Issue Fee Transmittal Form **must** be completed and timely submitted to avoid abandonment. Note the language in bold text on the first page of the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (PTOL-85).



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Date : November 19, 2003  
TO : Director, Office of Patent Publication  
FROM : Office of the Deputy Commissioner  
for Patent Examination Policy  
SUBJECT : Withdrawal from Issue of Application No. 10/004,627

Applicant(s) : Howard M. Kingston  
Application No. : 10/004,627  
Filed : December 4, 2001

The above-identified application has been assigned Patent No. 6,653,623 and an issue date of November 25, 2003.

It is hereby directed that this application be withdrawn from issue at the request of the applicant.

Do not refund the issue fee.

The following erratum should be published in the Official Gazette if the above-identified application is published in the OG of November 25, 2003:

"All reference to Patent No. 6,653,623 to Howard M. Kingston of Pennsylvania for METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATED IN-PROCESS, ISOTOPE DILUTION THRESHOLD AND QUANTITATION MEASUREMENT MASS SPECTROMETRY appearing in the Official Gazette of November 25, 2003 should be deleted since no patent was granted."

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